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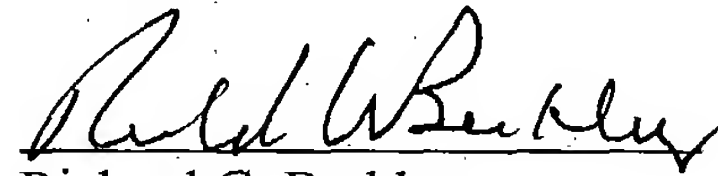
This paper is a preliminary amendment in the above-titled application, filed herewith as a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/907,285, filed July 17, 2001, which claims priority to French Application No. FR 00/09370, filed July 17, 2000.

By this amendment, original claims 1-11 and 17-27 have been canceled. Claims 12-16 are pending.

Applicants request an early and favorable decision on Claims 12-16.

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